

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

In the claims

1-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) An anchor ~~for use with a gastric reduction system, the anchor~~ comprising:

a plurality of struts, with substantially each one of the plurality of struts having a ~~proximal~~ first end and a ~~distal~~ second end, ~~at least one of the proximal end or the~~ with the second end of substantially each ~~one of the plurality of~~ the struts free, and with and with first end of substantially each of the struts affixed to a fixation point; and

a suture coupled to the fixation point, ~~wherein the plurality of struts have a reduced delivery profile wherein the plurality of struts with the struts having a reduced delivery profile wherein they are~~ substantially parallel to one another and ~~an expanded a~~ deployed profile where they ~~the plurality of struts~~ extend at angles away from one another.

27. (Currently Amended) The anchor of claim 26, wherein the fixation point comprises a ~~distal~~ bushing and ~~distal~~ the second end of each one of the plurality of struts is coupled to the distal bushing ~~and the proximal end of each one of the plurality of struts is coupled to a proximal bushing.~~

28. (Cancelled).

29. (Currently Amended). The anchor of claim ~~[[28]]~~ 26, wherein, in the ~~expanded~~ deployed profile, the plurality of struts bow radially outward to form a disk-like configuration.

30-61. (Cancelled).

62. (New) An anchor for use in surgery, comprising:
a first strut section;
a second strut section joined with the first strut section and biased away from the first strut section ;
a fixture point between the first strut and the second strut; and
a suture attached to or passing through the fixture point.

63. (New) The anchor of claim 62 wherein the fixture point comprises an eyelet, with the suture passing through the eyelet.

64. (New) The anchor of claim 62 further comprising a flexible material around the strut sections.

65. (New) The anchor of claim 64 wherein the flexible material is substantially round.

66. (New) The anchor of claim 62 wherein the anchor has a delivery configuration and a deployed configuration, and wherein the first strut section is substantially parallel to the second strut configuration, when the anchor is in the delivery configuration.

67. (New) The anchor of claim 62 wherein the first and second strut sections comprise a length of polymeric or metal wire.

68. (New) The anchor of claim 26 further comprising mesh attached to one or more of the struts.

69. (New) An anchor for use in surgery, comprising:
a first strut having ends and a middle section;
a second strut having ends and a middle section, with the middle section of the first strut overlying the middle section of the second strut;
a fixture point on at least one of the first strut and the second strut;

a suture attached to or passing through the fixture point;
with the first strut and the second strut moveable into a delivery configuration
wherein the ends of first strut and the second strut are generally parallel to each other.

70. (New) The anchor of claim 69 wherein the ends of the first and second struts are generally perpendicular to the middle sections of the first and second struts, when the anchor is in the delivery configuration.

71. (New) The anchor of claim 69 further comprising a flexible material around the struts.

72. (New) The anchor of claim 69 further comprising a third strut having a middle section overlying the middle section of the first strut.

73. (New) An anchor for use in surgery, comprising:
a plurality of struts, with substantially each strut having a first end attached to a connection point, and a second free end;
a material overlying the struts;
a suture attached to the connection point;
the struts having a reduced delivery profile wherein the free ends are adjacent to each other; and
the struts having a deployed profile, when not confined, wherein the free ends are spaced apart from each other.

74. (New) An anchor for use in surgery, comprising:
a membrane;
a first strut attached to the flexible material;
a second strut attached to the flexible material;
a fixture point between the first strut and the second strut; and
a suture attached to the fixture point.

75. (New) The anchor of claim 74 with the membrane comprising a flexible material.

76. (New) The anchor of claim 74 wherein the anchor has a delivery configuration and a deployed configuration, and wherein the first strut is substantially parallel to the second, when the anchor is in the delivery configuration.

77. (New) The anchor of claim 74 wherein the first and second struts comprise a length of polymeric or metal wire.